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MUDDLING AND WOBBLING

SIX months after hostilities broke out in Europe Great Britain found she was up against a bigger proposition than any of her devoted sons had entertained a thought of. Then the rumored sons of John Bull squared their shoulders and declared their country "would muddle through somehow." Ever since that memorable announcement the English have been muddling through. They have been guilty of more mistakes than all their allies combined but, backed by the strength of unlimited credit and the ability to carry loans and finance the war for those who are furnishing the brains and men, England has managed to keep Germany bottled up. That is about all. The fighting has been left to the Belgians, Serbians, Rumanians, French and Italians with a negligible showing for the greatest nation on the face of the globe. On this side of the ocean an analogous policy has been adopted. Here it is not muddling for that is a condition inseparable from democratic statecraft, but it is wobbling, that state of mind which leaves the possessor uncertain and vacillating. Mexico will stand as the greatest impediment of the Wilson administration regardless of the fact whether or not the gallant handful of troops in the field succeed in landing the bandit Villa.

The United States is sending millions every year to foreign countries to convert the heathen to Christianity while at the same time the nation is in league with the Carranzistas pledged to drive out Christian missionaries and drag the people down to the flat level of agnosticism.

The pursuit of Villa has degenerated to a farce. The aeroplane service is trying to perform scouting duties with an equipment that would bring blushes to the cheeks of any of the European belligerents. The troops are half equipped and there is no forecasting the dire results that are likely to accrue from this infamous aggregation of errors. The wobbling policy of Wilson, his aptitude for procrastination and putting off a decision until the eleventh hour has become a matter of history. It is idle to refer to the placating policy of inaction with Germany but the condition is the same. The president has been dealing with Mexico so long that "Manana" has become second nature in maintaining an ossified attitude towards any who chooses to insult the United States.

PASSING THE BUCK

TO indulge in an expressive colloquialism the regents of the state university are passing the buck to the next legislature which meets in about nine months. The regents and their delegated representatives occupying executive positions with the leading school of Nevada, have chosen to defy the torrent of public indignation that has swelled up against their administration. These men have openly refused to furnish information of the disposal of public funds or to explain their own movements, disclose their expense accounts incurred on long journeys, or do anything else that honest citizens think they are entitled to. The regents are willing to appease the outcry against their conduct by throwing out a bone as they would gratify a hungry dog but they might as well understand that such a course will not silence the richly deserved indignation converging in their direction. It was not until threatened with recall that the board sought by this subterfuge to gain time. The trick is too transparent and will not be accepted by an outraged people.

The taxpayers of Nevada want the university ventilated and they want that ventilation begun now, not nine months hence, or any other time after the Fall elections. This is the time and place for an investigation. The officers of the university protested against inclusion in the survey which the attorney general formally declared took in all branches of the state school system and applied with equal force to the college as it did to the little red schoolhouse away back in the hills with half a dozen children in attendance.

The board of regents would play the taxpayers of Nevada for a choice lot of ninies if they think for a moment that they will accept the suggestion that the entire matter be referred to United States Department of Education. That department has nothing in common with the school system of Nevada and the hoped for reference would be nothing more than perpetuating the objectionable university system for an indefinite period. Once let the resolution be adopted and it would be found that the circumlocution bureau had taken possession to spend a lifetime unwinding miles and miles of red tape and at the conclusion be no nearer the heart of the subject than it was at the beginning. However the crux of the situation rests in the recommendation that the next Nevada legislature provide funds for this purpose. This is a lame way of meeting the issue. The next legislature will have a busy time cutting down appropriations and therefore will not be in a mood to entertain any recommendation looking to the increasing of any appropriation to conduct a whitewashing experiment. The State Survey Commission has the authority and the public will insist on the full exercise of that authority. President Hendricks was not summoned to this state to dictate to the mothers and fathers how much the law should be enforced or to what extent it should be obeyed. He was brought here with the mistaken idea that he was a pedagogue of erudition with business qualifications that would rescue the university from the dry rot that had been sapping its vitality for many years. Developments make it appear as though the people who called him had been mistaken in their man but that determination is in the hands of the regents who, after all, are solely responsible for the mistakes of management in the highest education of Nevada.

PATERNALISM IN PRINTING

A BILL has been introduced in Congress restricting the use of the return address of patrons so that it may do the least possible injury to private competitors. The post office department which has been accumulating a deficiency from time immemorial has been printing envelopes at cost defying competition. House resolution 8664 aims to limit the work done by the department to the extent that no envelope shall be sold by the government containing any lithographing except the stamp, or any printing or advertising except the printed request to any firm, corporation or individual printed thereon. In other words the proposed amendment will do away with the printing of return cards for business men by the government and give this printing to the local printer where it belongs.

The discrimination by the government in the matter of printing has worked a gross injustice. It would be just as reasonable for the government to establish bakeries to keep housewives supplied with the staff of life. In fact it would be more sensible for then the government would have the argument in its favor of reducing the cost of living and helping drive poverty from the door.

Americans who sought to escape paying the income tax at home find they have leaped out of the frying pan into the fire. After expatriating themselves to escape payment at home they find the British government is not so easily duped. Payment of taxes on the entire income whether derived from foreign or American investments come under the English law.

The fashion magazines say that the women of Europe are economizing in

gowns. It looks to me that they have been doing that for some time judging by the looseness of the neck and the meager brevity of visible garments.

Soap is \$4 a cake in Mexico, says one of the "war" correspondents. Purely a nominal quotation.

Silver Lake, Ore., Leader—Congress can't expect to raise revenue by taxing our patience.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Champ Clark says that congress isn't lazy. Just inefficient, then.—Detroit Free Press.

A policeman in Louisiana refused a gift of \$10,000. Had a suspicion that someone was looking, we presume.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Some of the receptive candidates for that Chicago nomination insist on knowing where they are going before they start on their way.—Los Angeles Times.

REDUCING THE COST OF X RAY PRINTS AND FINDING PROOF OF INFANTICIDE

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Apr. 1. — Charles Vaillant, head of the radiographic laboratory of the Lariboisiere Hospital in Paris, has announced a successful means of replacing the present costly process of X-ray photographing on a glass negative with printing directly on to paper. Vaillant's new process uses ordinary sensitized paper for taking radium photographs. The cost of the paper is only a twentieth of that of the glass negative, and there is also a saving in weight and space.

Vaillant has only three fingers left out of ten, namely two forefingers and a thumb, the forefinger of the left hand and the thumb and forefinger of the right. The rest of his fingers he lost, one of the other, by holding them at the end of a tube thus trying on himself the penetrative effects of the radium rays. Repeated amputation, however, did not lessen Vaillant's

enthusiasm. He is already the discoverer of a radiographic method of determining whether or not an infant was born dead or alive.

The infant born dead comes out on the negative completely dark, whereas its having uttered a cry, or lived an instant, an hour, or ten hours, is proved by the development on the plate first of the stomach and then of the lungs. The practical legal result is that infanticide can now be detected without recourse to an autopsy.

For the moment Vaillant's mind is concentrated on getting the most out of radiography for the benefit of the wounded in war. "I want," he says, "to extract all the secrets I can from science, so as to help the surgeon to operate with greater certainty and save as many heroes as possible. My little personal war is with science and I mean to make her pay me for my amputations."

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